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Present Application:

Applicants : Pablo D. Garcia et al.
Title : SECRETED HUMAN PROTEINS
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Prior Application:

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Art Unit : 1653
Application No. : 08/988,671

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph before "Technical Area of the Invention" with the following rewritten paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of pending United States Patent Application No. 08/988,671, filed December 11, 1997, which application claims the benefit of 60/032,757 filed December 11, 1996 where these applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

Enclosed is a copy of the Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) and (g). The computer readable form in this application is identical with that filed in Application Number 08/988,671 filed December 11, 1997. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), please use the only computer readable form filed on June 11, 1998 in that application as the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary changes in the application number and filing date for the computer readable form that will be used in the instant application

REMARKS

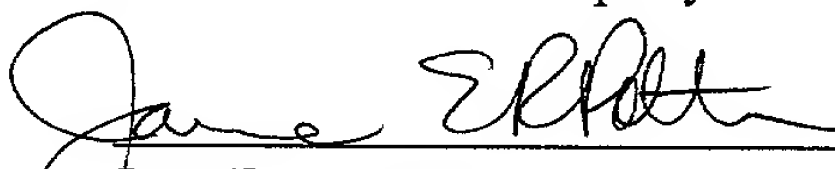
No new matter has been added to this application by way of this Preliminary Amendment. Entry of the Preliminary Amendment is earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings to Show Changes Made.**"

Should any issue require attention prior to examination, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (206) 622-4900 to resolve the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

The paragraph before "Technical Area of the Invention" has been rewritten as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

[This application claims the benefit of copending provisional application Serial No. 60/032,757, filed December 11, 1996, which is incorporated herein by reference.] This application is a continuation of pending United States Patent Application No. 08/988,671, filed December 11, 1997 where this application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

The original sequence listing has been replaced.

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